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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

Get ready for sparklers, hot dogs, and a whole lot of patriotic pizzazz – the Fourth of July is here, and it's bringing its usual flair for the dramatic. Every year, Americans gather in backyards, parks, and parade routes to celebrate the birth of a nation, and whether you're into fireworks or flag cakes, there's something about Independence Day that makes summer feel extra summery.

Most folks know the basics: July 4th marks the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, when the thirteen colonies said, "Thanks, but no thanks," to King George and decided to start their own thing.

But did you know that only two people actually signed the Declaration on July 4th? The rest trickled in over the following weeks.

Also, three U.S. presidents – Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe – all died on July 4th. Jefferson and Adams even passed away on the very same day in 1826. Talk about dramatic timing.

And here's a star-spangled stumper: the Liberty Bell hasn't been rung since 1846, when it cracked (again!) while being tolled for George Washington's birthday. It's been silent ever since, though it's still tapped gently each Independence Day in a symbolic nod to freedom.

So how do most Americans celebrate this grand old holiday? In true go-big-or-go-home fashion.

The National Retail Federation reports that nearly 80% of Americans plan to take part in some kind of celebration, usually involving barbecues, fireworks, parades, concerts, or all of the above. Hamburgers and hot dogs fly off the shelves by the millions, flags flutter from porches, and patriotic playlists take over the airwaves.

And of course, no Fourth is complete without a sky full of fireworks – a tradition that dates all the way back to the very first celebration in 1777.

But not all Fourth of July celebrations involve your standard grill and Roman candle. Some folks really know how to make a splash – literally.

In Key West, Florida, you can watch the annual "Red, White, and Tuna" swim race, where competitors don patriotic swimwear and race with a can of tuna in hand.

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Heat Happens

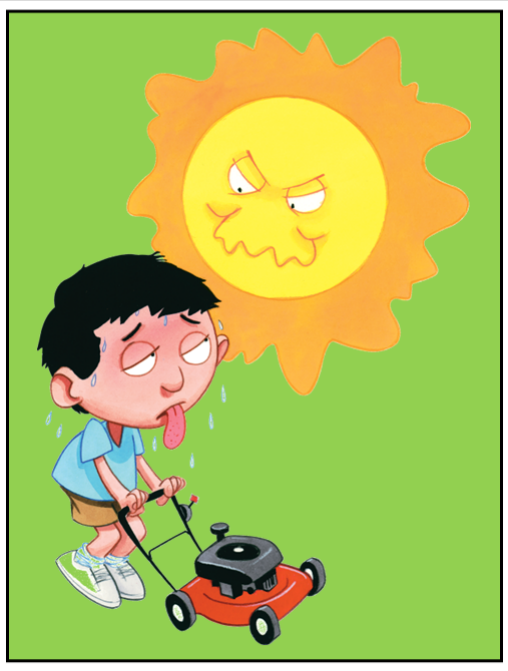
By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

If you've walked outside lately and felt like you were being wrapped in a hot, wet blanket while someone pointed a hairdryer at your face, congratulations – you're experiencing summer in Louisiana.

Our state is known for many beautiful things: spicy food, soulful music, and festivals that last for days. But let's face it, in the summer, the heat comes for us all. And if you're not careful, it can do more than just make you sweat through your shirt – it can make you sick.

Heat exhaustion is sneaky. One minute you're enjoying a second plate of jambalaya at a cookout, and the next, you're dizzy, clammy, and wondering why your head feels like a microwave burrito.

It can hit anyone, but young kids, older adults, and folks working or playing outside are especially at risk. And if heat exhaustion isn't caught in time, it



can turn into heat stroke, which is a medical emergency that's about as serious as it sounds.

So how do you beat the heat without hiding inside until October? First things first: water is your best friend.

Not sweet tea. Not soda. Good ol' H2O. Drink it like it's your job. And if you wait until you're thirsty, you've already waited too long.

Second, dress like someone who's about to wrestle a swamp gator – lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothes are the name of the game. Bonus points if you wear a wide-brimmed hat big enough to have its own zip code.

Third, plan your day like a heat-hating ninja. Run errands early in the morning or after sunset. That mid-afternoon sun is not your friend – it's like the villain in a bad action movie, always lurking, waiting to strike.

If you do have to be out in the heat, take breaks like it's your favorite hobby. Find shade, sit down, sip some water, and let your body catch up.

And keep an eye on others, too. If someone's acting confused, red-faced, or just not right, don't wait – cool them down and call for help.

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From The Tangi Times Weekend Weather Team

Bob Brick

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Village of Tangipahoa Dedicates Plaque in Honor of Clara Hampton Fultz

The Village of Tangipahoa proudly held the unveiling of Ms. Clara H. Fultz's plaque in a heartfelt tribute to her legacy. At 99 years young, Ms. Fultz has been a beacon of faith, service, and community leadership.

Courtesy photo

Sis. Clara H. Fultz was born on Nov. 4, 1925 to Bro. Lem and Sis. Annie K. Hampton at her grandparents' home, two miles west of Tangipahoa.
She along with her siblings, Charles Monroe and Ella Inez Hampton, attended Rosenwald Colored School from grades first to seventh.
In 1946 she married Richard Fultz, and they had two sons, Patrick and Jerome, both now deceased.
Since 1932 she has been a lifelong, dedicated member of Quinn Chapel AMEC serving as: Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent for 46 years, a member of the local W.M.S. and Lay Org., Vice President of L.A.C., W.M.S, Assistant Secretary of the L.A.C. Lay Church Treasurer, Church Secretary, Church Asst. Secretary, Trustee Secretary, President of The Steward Board and Youth Choir!
She also chaperoned during Sunday School Conventions, Youth Congress and the CDM Ball.
On Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, God blessed her to be 99 years old.
The next morning she worked the polls for the 2024 election!
Her Christian and civil services include:
Tangipahoa Christmas Parade Chairperson,
Cemetery Board Secretary, Tangipahoa Chamber of Commerce Secretary,
The Village's Food Assistance Program & Quinn Chapel's Commodities Distributions.
She was named the 2024 Tangipahoa Parish Senior Citizen Queen!
Her awards include those received from:
G.N.O.G. Lay, 8th District Lay, L.A.C. W.M.S.
W.M.S. Life Member, the Cemetery Board & the Clerk of Court in 2023!
Psalms 37:25
"I have been young, and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Courtesy photo

Ms. Fultz has served the Village of Tangipahoa with unwavering grace, strength, and dignity, leaving an indelible mark on everyone who knows her.

St. Helena Parish Sheriff Holds First Prayer Breakfast

St. Helena Parish Sheriff Clay Chutz held his first prayer breakfast at the St. Helena Missionary Baptist Church in Greensburg on the morning of Wednesday, July 2, 2025.

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St. Helena Parish OEP Director Roderick Matthews, right, joins St. Helena Parish Sheriff Clay Chutz, left, at the sheriff's first prayer breakfast in Greensburg.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!! in Tangi

Friday July 4
8:00am
Ponchatoula Flag Raising
The Minutemen of Ponchatoula
Downtown Ponchatoula

Friday July 4
8:00am
American Legion Post 47 Flag Raising
Ponchatoula Cemetery

Friday July 4
9:00am
Hammond Flag Raising
Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunrise Rotary
Hammond Square Mall at RR and I-12

Friday July 4
6 pm
Light Up the Sky for the 4th of July
Zemurray Park
400 S. Oak St., Hammond

Friday July 4
5 pm
PARD 1 Fireworks Show
PARD
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula

Friday July 4
11 am – 8 pm
Bring Your Own Pool Party
Gnarly Barley Brewing
1709 Corbin Rd., Hammond

Tuesday July 8
1 pm
Twin Steeples Art Camp Verse & Vision: Art in Every Line
Twin Steeples Creative Arts Center
220 E Oak St., Ponchatoula

Wednesday July 9
5:30-6:30 pm
TPSO Gun Safety Presentation
PARD
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula

meme WARRIOR

Deepest apologies to the older folks we used to judge for eating dinner at 5 and being in bed by 8:30.

Y'all were really onto something.

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movie quote Challenge

Can you cite the movie that featured this memorable quote? Email the answer to publisher@tangitimes.com.

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

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Congratulations to Christy Hoover for being the first to correctly identify last week's challenge from Top Gun!

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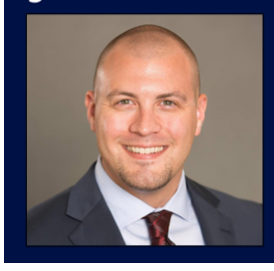

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Safety Tip of the Day

Solo at a Bar Safety Tip

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Your response
Yes, my boyfriend, he's the bartender or he's the bouncer depending where you are.

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Tangipahoa Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Anytime Fitness - Robert

Anytime Fitness in Robert recently celebrated its grand reopening with an official ribbon cutting hosted by the Tangipahoa Chamber. Located at 144200 Highway 445 in Robert, the newly remodeled 24/7 neighborhood gym offers a welcoming space for all fitness levels, with personalized support, state-of-the-art equipment, and expert training.

Why Community Spaces and Third Places Matter

By Kevin Brown

On Monday, July 14 at 6pm, I'll be back in my hometown of Ponchatoula, speaking at the Ponchatoula Branch Library about something that's close to my heart: Developing Community Spaces.

This talk isn't just about gardens or public buildings – it's about something deeper. It's about the places where we find connection, purpose, and belonging.

These are often called "third spaces" – places that aren't work and aren't home, but where life still happens. Think of your favorite coffee shop, barbershop, front porch, park bench, or community garden. These spaces matter because they make us feel like we're part of something.

After serving 21 years in the U.S. Air Force, I came home with a new mission: to help build and protect these kinds of places – where relationships grow, stories are shared, and communities can thrive. That journey led me to create Gertrude's Garden, in the historic Burglund community of McComb, Mississippi.

It started as a garden but quickly became more than that. It became a hub – a third space – where people came not just to plant, but to gather, listen, and dream.

Today, I work in communities all across the region – from New Orleans to Jackson – bringing people together through art, advocacy, and community design. I've written books like Creative Catalysts: Art & Advocacy – A Powerful Connection for Social Change, because I believe that creative spaces – especially those rooted in shared purpose – can shift the culture and change lives.

So Why Does This Matter to You?

If you're a parent, a vibrant third space can give your children a safe place to explore and connect. It gives your family room to breathe.

If you're a senior or longtime neighbor, these spaces offer dignity and belonging, and a chance to pass on the

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A little bit of everything you need to know

Ponchatoula Rec Park has released additional details for its July 4th Celebration, including a helpful event map that marks key locations such as restrooms, food and refreshment areas, activities, and fire marshal-designated restricted zones for safety. Gates open at 5pm, with fireworks beginning at dusk. Attendees are reminded that no cooking, alcohol, or pets are allowed on site. This year's festivities will feature a costume contest (sign-up at 5:30pm, contest at 7:30pm near the DJ by the football fields) and train rides for kids from 6 to 8pm. Upon exiting, guests should form two lines at the main entrance: the blue lane exits south to Hwy 22, while the red lane exits north to I-12. The gym will be closed, and parking near it will be limited. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy a safe and festive evening.

As hurricane season begins and the Fourth of July weekend approaches, The Blood Center is urging residents across the Gulf South to donate blood now to ensure a stable supply in case of emergencies. With summer bringing fewer donations due to school breaks, vacations, and weather disruptions, combined with an increased need for blood during holiday travel, officials warn that the region must prepare in advance to ensure a stable blood supply. "We need the public to respond now to ensure we are adequately prepared—before disaster strikes," said Billy Weales, President and CEO of The Blood Center. The organization must collect 200 to 250 donations daily to serve over 50 hospitals across South Louisiana and Southern Mississippi, but fewer than 5% of eligible donors give each year. Blood is essential for patients with cancer, heart disease, and other serious conditions, and it cannot be manufactured. The Blood Center encourages individuals, businesses, faith-based organizations, and civic groups to donate blood or host blood drives. With eleven donor centers and daily mobile drives, it's easy to help—visit TheBloodCenter.org or call (800) 86-BLOOD to schedule an appointment.

Pine Knoll Farm invites you to experience Yoga in the Sunflowers in summer 2025—a one-of-a-kind outdoor yoga event set amid the breathtaking sunflower fields just outside Hammond, Louisiana. Led by Land Trust board member and certified instructor Brenna Barzenick, this gentle Vinyasa flow class is open to all levels and offers a peaceful way to connect with nature while supporting local land conservation efforts. Surrounded by golden blooms and fresh air, participants can unwind, breathe deeply, and find serenity in Louisiana's natural beauty. For event details, sponsorship information, volunteering opportunities, or to sign up, visit www.yogainthesunflowers.com.

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POS (PERSON OF SUSPICION) OF THE WEEK

POS Steven Paul Gauthreaux

The Hammond Police Department has arrested a Covington man after an investigation was conducted by HPD detectives, along with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Steven Paul Gauthreaux, 38 years old, of Covington, has been booked on one count of Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile and one count of Computer-aided Solicitation of a Minor. Gauthreaux's arrest comes after he engaged for several days in illegal sexual conversations with an individual he believed to be 14 years old. Gauthreaux then arranged a date and time to meet with this minor at a location in Hammond. On July 1, 2025, Gauthreaux arrived at this location and was taken into custody by waiting HPD detectives, K9 officers, and Narcotics detectives.

"I take the safety of our community very seriously, especially when it comes to our children. Back in January, we added two detectives to the Attorney General's Office ICAC Task Force without hesitation. Since then, they have worked tirelessly on cases like this to make sure these vile offenders don't victimize our children in the community," said Hammond Police Chief Edwin Bergeron Jr.

***All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty**

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY SPACES
GERTRUDE'S GARDEN
JULY 14, 2025 | 6PM
PONCHATOULA LIBRARY BRANCH
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
KEVIN BROWN
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AUTHOR, ARTIST, SPEAKER, AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE
The garden is a communal green space located in the Historic Burglund District of McComb, MS
• Gertrude's Garden was founded in 2019 in McComb, MS, which won the 2024 1st place Civic Organization by Keep Mississippi Beautiful.

Community Spaces

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wisdom and history only you hold.

If you're an artist, entrepreneur, or activist, third spaces give you a platform to express, organize, and collaborate. They're where ideas take root.

If you're a business owner, you benefit from healthy public life. A lively, walkable, welcoming community invites people to stay, shop, and support local.

And if you're a civic leader, teacher, or neighbor who just cares, I want to share tools and stories to help you protect and reimagine the spaces that matter in your own backyard.

Third spaces are more than just "extra" spaces. They are the heart of our communities. They help us feel seen, connected, and empowered. And they don't happen by accident – they happen when we decide to build them, care for them, and keep them open to all.

So I hope you'll join me on Monday, July 14 at 6pm at the Ponchatoula Branch Library. Whether you want to start a project, support your neighborhood, or just hear some new ideas – I'd love to connect.

Let's talk about what's possible. Let's build something beautiful – together.

— Kevin Brown

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The Northshore Humane Society is making it easier than ever to find your perfect furry companion by drastically reducing adoption fees for all pets—from tiny kittens to senior dogs—during a special event running July 7 through July 12. Adult cats and dogs (six months and older) can be adopted for just $25, kittens for $45, and puppies for $100. Each adoption includes spay/neuter surgery, microchipping, and all required vaccinations, with additional parish tags and preventatives available as needed. Whether you're ready to adopt or just browsing, now is the perfect time to visit the shelter and give a loving pet a forever home. For more information and to view adoptable animals, visit www.northshorehumane.org.

The FBI's New Orleans Field Office is offering a reward of up to $20,000 for information leading to the arrest of Derrick Groves, the last remaining state inmate who escaped from Orleans Parish Jail on the morning of May 16, 2025. The FBI is assisting the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office in the ongoing search, providing additional manpower and specialized resources. Anyone with information is urged to contact the FBI's tipline at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324), their local FBI office, the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate, or submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov. Digital tips may also be sent via www.fbi.gov/neworleansfugitives.

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Obituaries

Roy Robertson Henderson, Jr.; 92; Springfield; June 28; Survived by his daughter, Anita Henderson; sons, Ronny Henderson (Cindy), Roy "Rick" Henderson III (Susan), and Kevin Henderson, Sr. (Donna); seven grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Blaine Joseph Gulotta Sr.; 36; Independence; June 29; survived by his wife, Heidi Gulotta; children, Blaine Joseph Jr. and Raelyn Grace Gulotta; parents, John Joseph and Cathy Gulotta; sisters, Ashley Guzzardo (John) and Lacey Esler (Jason); many nieces and nephews; and his work family and friends.

Robert David Parent Jr.; 56; June 30; survived by his wife, Kimberly Harper Parent; daughters, Amanda Parent and Rebecca Parent (Joey); four grandchildren; father, Robert Parent Sr.; sisters, Marla and Jana; mother and father-in-law, Richard and Theresa Forrest; sister, Gwen Williams (James); three nephews; and numerous extended family members.

Esther Combetta McNally; 91; Independence Native; July 1; survived by her daughters, JoAnn McNally Cook (Edward) and Michelle McNally Goff (Dwayne); and grandchildren, Dwayne Goff, Jr. (Katelyn), Diana Goff, and Abigail Goff (fiancé, John).

George "Perry" Jenkins; 79; Amite; July 1; survived by the mother of his children, Carolyn Smart Jenkins; daughters, Cindy Jenkins Giron (Carlos), Becki Jenkins, and Calli Jenkins Hughes (John); grandchildren, Bess (Laton), Kane (Carolyn), Conner (Shelbie), Blaise, Zach, Ashton, and Cate; and great-grandchildren, Russell and George.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Over in Coney Island, New York, the famous Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest draws competitors from around the world with stomachs of steel and nerves of ketchup.

And in Aptos, California, a World's Shortest Parade is held each year – taping in at just over half a mile long, but packed with big-time spirit, tiny floats, and a lot of marching band bravado.

There are even towns that hold lawnmower parades and pie-eating contests, because what better way to celebrate freedom than riding a decked-out John Deere while dressed as Uncle Sam?

Beyond the sparklers and strawberry shortcake, the Fourth of July reminds us why this grand experiment called America was worth fighting for in the first place. It's a celebration of freedom, of big dreams, and of the people who make those dreams real – sometimes messily, always passionately, and often with a side of potato salad.

So this year, whether you're waving a flag in a parade, cannonballing into a lake, or just enjoying a popsicle on your porch, take a moment to remember that this wild, complicated, wonderful country of ours started with an idea and a whole lot of fireworks.

Happy Independence Day, America!

HEAT

(FROM PAGE 1)

Pets, by the way, are not immune to the heat. If you wouldn't walk barefoot on the pavement or sit in a parked car with the windows up, don't make them do it, either.

The truth is, we Louisianans are tough. We've survived hurricanes, mosquitoes the size of ospreys, and the horrors of running out of hot sauce.

But even the toughest among us need to take heat seriously. So this summer, wear the hat, drink the water, take the break, and for goodness' sake, don't be a hero in 105-degree weather.

Because fainting face-first into your snowball stand order is not the summer memory you want to make.

Public Notices

TPSS

NOTICE

DEADLINE: July 9, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION:OFFICE ASSISTANT (12 Months)

SALARY: $28,177 - $47,147 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Academics Department – Central Office Amite, LA

CRITERIA: High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate, and must have one of the following:

At least two (2) years of experience in an office or human resources setting.

Successfully completed coursework leading to an Associate Degree in Office Administration, or Human Resources related area.

Successfully completed coursework at a State Approved Vocational School, Business School, or J.T.P.A. sponsored school in office management, human resources or related field.

A Bachelor's degree or higher will be accepted in lieu of the above requirements.

Updated diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of **July 9, 2025,** even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or email applications will not be considered.

IMPORTANT: Please be advised that all applicants who apply for this position should check their email account daily, **including their SPAM folder,** for communications regarding this advertisement.

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DATE ADVERTISEMENT POSTED: June 30, 2025

Publish: July 2, 4,7 & 9 Cost of notice:$23.50

NOTICE

DEADLINE: JULY 6, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Maintenance Worker (12 Months)

(Multiple Positions) – Trades workers include: Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, and Carpentry.

SALARY: $32,953 - $58,400

Based on verified years of relevant experience and additional certifications

LOCATION:Maintenance Department
Tangipahoa Parish School System
Amite, LA

CRITERIA: **High School Diploma or GED is required** This must be supplemented by either **experience in building trades and maintenance, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience**

Valid Louisiana driver's license required.

All diplomas, certificates, credentials, and other supporting documentation **must be submitted** with the application.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

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DATE ADVERTISEMENT POSTED: June 26, 2025

Publish: July 2 & 4 Cost of notice:$19.00

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DEADLINE: July 11, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: AGRICULTURE TEACHER (12 Months)

SALARY: $64,012 - $92,023 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION:Loranger High School
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July 4 Campaign Means Freedom from Impaired Drivers

From Louisiana Highway Safety Commission

Louisiana law enforcement officers are looking for and arresting impaired drivers so this Independence Day holiday can include freedom from being hit by a drunk driver during the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign.

LHSC Executive Director Lisa Freeman was joined in a campaign kickoff by Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill, Louisiana State Police Superintendent Col. Robert P. Hodges, and West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Jeff Bergeron. The Tuesday morning event took place at the Old Ferry Landing in Port Allen.

From 2019 to 2023, 339 people were injured or killed in alcohol-involved motor vehicle crashes during the July 4 holiday in Louisiana, according to the Center for Analytics and Research in Transportation Safety at LSU. That's more alcohol-related injuries and deaths in Louisiana during that period than other major holidays, including Christmas, New Year's Eve, and Labor Day.

With record-high July 4 traffic expected across the country –– 61.5 million people on the road, according to AAA –– LHSC recognizes the value of high-visibility enforcement, which allows law enforcement patrols to work overtime in identifying impaired drivers and removing them from our roadways. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over remains in effect through Sunday, July 6, Freeman said.

"It's an honor for me to support Louisiana's law enforcement agencies and prosecutors during the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign," Murrill said. "If you choose to drink and drive in Louisiana, you will be arrested and prosecuted. In today's world with Uber and Lyft, there is absolutely no excuse for impaired driving. It's just not worth it."

Col. Hodges said impaired driving "remains one of the most preventable yet devastating threats to public safety on Louisiana's roadways."

"Louisiana State Police stands firmly with our partners in supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, because high-visibility enforcement and public education save lives," Col. Hodges said. "We urge all motorists to make responsible choices: never drive impaired, plan ahead, and help us protect the residents and visitors of this great state."

Any motor vehicle driver with a blood-alcohol level of .08 or higher is legally intoxicated, but motor skill impairment can begin after just one drink. Freeman noted that highway safety advocates "have done a terrific job of getting the word out across the state that drinking and driving is unacceptable."

"It's simple: If you drink and drive during this holiday, we have law enforcement officers spread out across the state," she said "Those officers will spot you and take you to jail. It's the best way to keep innocent people safe on the roads."

The Greater Tangipahoa NAACP Bow Tie Gala

The Greater Tangipahoa NAACP Bow Tie Gala was held Saturday evening, June 21 at J. Rucker's in Ponchatoula. Honorees included Krishun Chappell, Charles Gross III, Kasia Trepagnier, Ja' Juan Allen, Sevetri Wilson-Taylor, Vanessa Williams, Pastor Andrew Jackson, Hammond Councilman Devon Wells, Parish Councilman Louis Nick Joseph, and Pastor Dr. Samuel C. Brown, Sr.

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12. **FRIED CATFISH**
COLESLAW, FRIES, CORNBREAD PUPPIES
$15.00

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$14.50

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$12.00

Congratulations to Kaci DeArmond for being the first to identify last week's menu from Chookie's in Hammond. Kaci won a $10 gift card to Pull Clip Café in Hammond!

Restaurants: to be featured in Name that Menu, email publisher@tangitimes.com.

Join the Minutemen of Ponchatoula

To all my friends who enjoy seeing the flag fly continuously over our Ponchatoula:

The 'Minutemen of Ponchatoula' is a not-for-profit organization created solely to keep the flag flying over our City of Ponchatoula. Our membership dues are only $25.00 per year and are used solely to purchase flags. We go through about 4 per year due to wear and tear from high winds and storms.

Our 177-foot-tall flagpole was a BellSouth communication tower. In 1985, the Jaycees took on the project of moving the pole across the tracks and across Pine Street to its current home today.

Every year on the 4th of July, the community comes together to our annual flag raising ceremony, hoisting up the big 70x40-foot flag, which was hand-sewn by locals known as the 'Betsy Ross Ladies.' Last year, we had nearly 80 participants, each of whom had to lend a hand to handle the enormous 2800-square foot foot flag. It was a wonderful morning and spectacular sight.

The purpose of this message is to ask you to become a member if you are not already one. We do not have socials, no dances, no crawfish boils, and no fundraisers. We just collect dues to keep our flag flying over our proud city.

Our president, Ronnie Perrin, is in charge of keeping a supply of flags so we will always have one flying.

As the secretary/ treasurer, I am asking you to send a $25.00 check payable to 'Minutemen of Ponchatoula' to me at my address listed below. Please do it now before LIFE gets in the way. Dues are due each July 4th and are totally voluntary but much needed.

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